

REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2003. The claims have been amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the objections and rejections contained in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested and allowance of claims is respectfully requested.

A Petition for an Extension of Time to and including February 22, 2004 is submitted herewith together with the requisite fee.

In the outstanding Office Action claim 6 was objected to for several alleged informalities in line 26. Appropriate correction has been made.

The claims in the outstanding Office Action claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-11, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for the reasons as stated in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Correction has been made to the claims and it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

In the outstanding Office Action claims 1-3, 6, 7, 15 and 17-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as over U.S. patent publication of Seamon no. U.S. 2002/0121322. Applicant hereby repeats the comments made presented with respect to this Seamon patent publication in the previous amendment. In addition, it is noted that the examiner relies upon the Seamon disclosure as having an extending portion 20 as being an extension of wallet wall 21. In this regard, the extending portion 20 as disclosed in the Seamon patent publication will permit the wallet of Seamon to "rock", or move inwardly and outwardly when the outer panel 16 of the Seamon handbag is pivoted inwardly and outwardly with respect to the handbag. The present

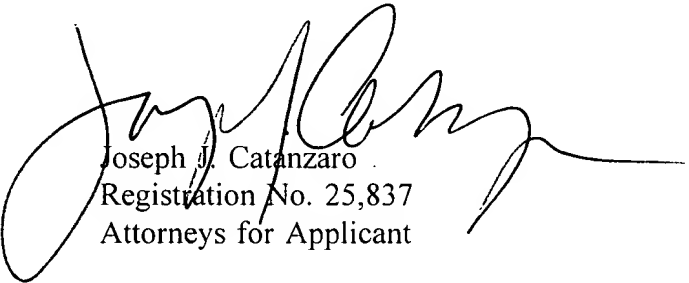
invention does not incorporate any such extensions. It is respectfully submitted that the Seamon publication neither discloses nor suggests the present invention as claimed herein. Appropriate amendment has been made to the claims to better distinguish the present invention over the Seamon disclosure.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. §103

In the outstanding Office Action claims 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the Seamon patent publication. In this regard, it was stated that Seamon did not disclose the magnetically "attachable" devices being neodymium magnet. In this regard it is respectfully submitted that applicant does not claim to have invented the use of neodymium magnets exclusively; however, it is submitted that the recitations of claims 22 and 23, combined with the recitations of the previous claims from which they depend, is patentability distinct from Seamon et al. publication, considered individually or in combination with the remaining art of record.

It is respectfully submitted that the Seamon publication neither discloses nor suggests the present invention as claimed in the claims as amended herein considered individual or in combination with the remaining art of record. Withdrawal of the rejections contained in the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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